



VCM's Mission

- to strengthen existing Volunteer Centers,
- to provide leadership in developing new centers, and
- to promote and strengthen volunteerism statewide.

Primary Constituents

VCM's primary constituents are the 32 volunteer centers that are members of the state association. A local Volunteer Center regards community-based organizations and the volunteer as their primary constituents.

Volunteer Center Core Programs and Services

Local Volunteer Centers are dedicated to mobilizing people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems.



Volunteer Centers offer programs and services (core competencies) that:

- Connect people with opportunities to serve;
 - Build the capacity for effective local volunteering;
 - Promote volunteering;
 - Participate in strategic initiatives that mobilize volunteers to meet local needs.
- *Volunteer Leadership Convener* - Volunteer Centers act as a neutral convener enabling a community's volunteer leadership to collaborate on solving serious social problems.
 - *Volunteer Referral and Placement* - Volunteer Centers recruit and refer individuals and groups to various nonprofit organizations that address community needs. Many Centers have specialized programming areas that work specifically with youth, corporate/employee volunteers, court-referred volunteers, and families.
 - *Volunteerism Clearinghouse* - The Volunteer Center is also a clearinghouse for information regarding agencies and services in a community. The clearinghouse is essential in building public awareness and promoting an understanding of the importance of volunteerism.
 - *Training Events* - Volunteer Centers provide technical assistance to the nonprofit community. The technical assistance trainings focus on volunteer program development, board training and nonprofit management.
 - *Recognition Programming* - Volunteer Centers provide a central focus for recognizing volunteers. Centers have worked with local agencies and media to develop formal and informal methods for celebrating the accomplishments of volunteers. Many Volunteer Centers coordinate service projects and recognition events in conjunction with "Make a Difference Day" and "National Volunteer Week."

Counties Served

The 32 Volunteer Centers and their satellites directly serve 47 counties, in which 85% of Michigan's population lives.

The Role of Volunteer Centers of Michigan in Supporting Volunteer Centers

To advance the efforts of local Volunteer Centers in meeting their missions, the VCM staff provides support services that enhance the professional capacity of local staff. VCM's services include:

- site-based staff and Board consultation and training;
- facilitated quarterly networking meetings; new director orientation and mentoring;
- fund development training and assistance;
- marketing initiatives;
- Volunteer Center start-up strategies and connection to other state and local resources.



Annual Michigan Volunteer Center Statistics

Over 50,000 volunteers connected.

Over 3,000 organizations involved.

Over 10,000 youth engaged in service.

* Based on 2002 data from Volunteer Centers

One of the primary responsibilities of VCM staff is to advocate on behalf of all Volunteer Centers for resources and support services, allowing local Volunteer Centers to focus on meeting local needs.

Statewide Projects

The following projects are those that have statewide application for partnership among Volunteer Centers. While not all Centers will be involved in every project, we are beginning to see increased interest in working together and learning from each other.

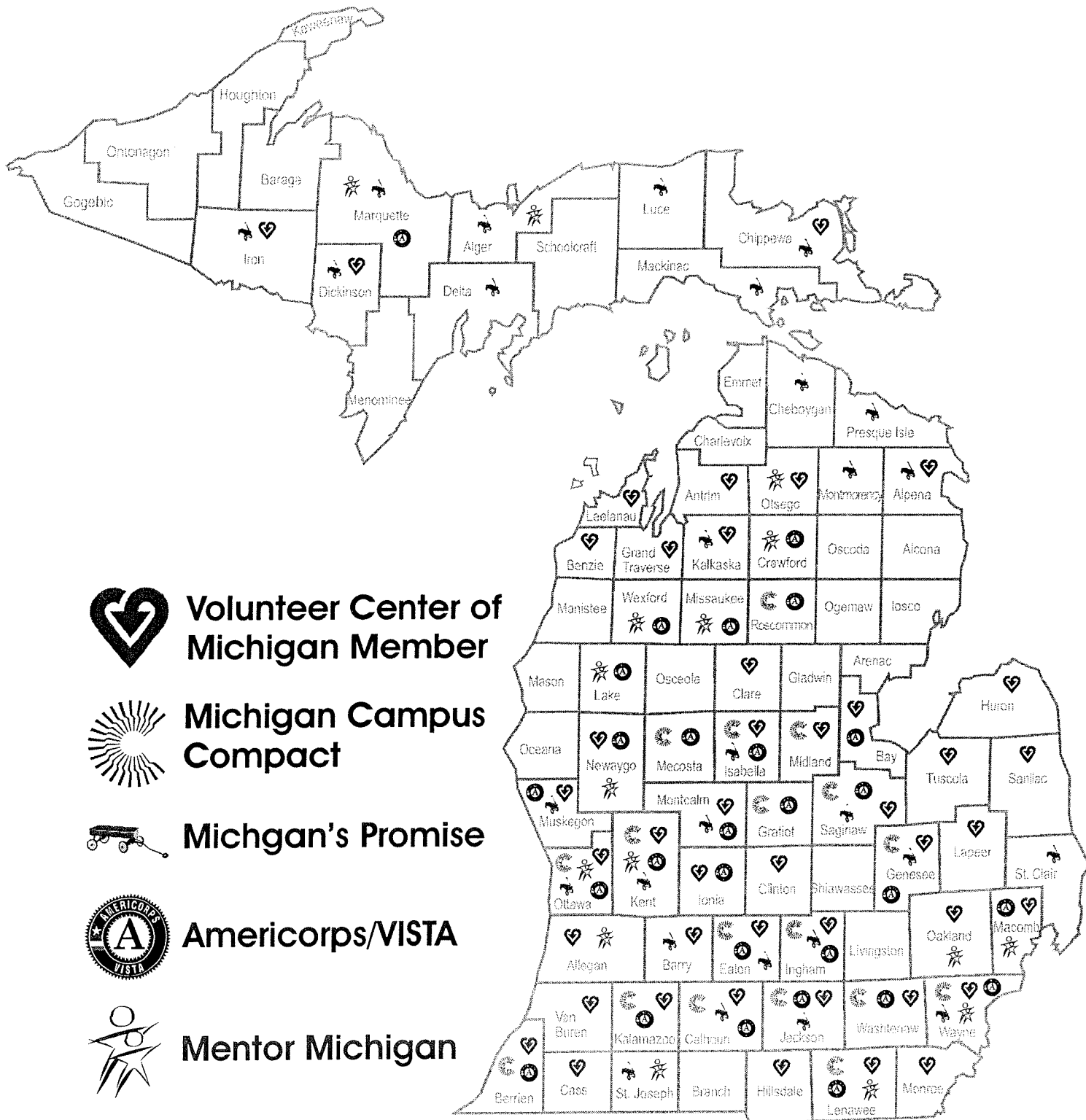
- Michigan Student Service Award, an award given to graduating high school seniors
- Involvement with local Citizen Corps efforts and disaster preparedness.
- Increased volunteer management training.
- Assistance to local nonprofit volunteer coordinators
- Mentor Michigan – All interested mentors will be referred to the 1-800-VOLUNTEER number for information and referral.
- Earned Income Tax Credits – collaboration with businesses, foundations, government departments, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions to provide volunteer preparation of tax forms and financial literacy programs for the low-income employed.
- United technology plan for a volunteer opportunities web-based application.

National Connections

Our Volunteer Centers in Michigan and VCM are part of the Volunteer Center National Network of over 350 Volunteer Centers. We are connected with the Points of Light Foundation and many Volunteer Centers have AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, VISTA and Learn and Serve programs through the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Funding Support

Volunteer Centers are funded locally, by donations, grants, service fees and events. VCM's primary funding is from the ConnectMichigan Alliance, member dues, and program fees. We pursue grant and sponsor funding to support statewide projects in which Volunteer Centers engage, and to promote community volunteerism throughout the state.



**Volunteer Center of
Michigan Member**



**Michigan Campus
Compact**



Michigan's Promise



AmeriCorps/VISTA



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**VOLUNTEER CENTERS
of MICHIGAN**

Harnessing Hope...



*Building Community
Solutions!*

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The VCM Mission

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VCM works to strengthen existing Volunteer Centers, to provide leadership in developing new Centers, and to strengthen and promote community volunteerism statewide.

What defines a Volunteer Center?

Volunteer Centers are set apart by their inclusiveness within the community. They serve all nonprofits, public programs and all residents; they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity.

Because of their neutrality and dedication to the whole community, they can take a leadership position in convening other individuals and groups to find solutions to complex problems requiring more than one perspective.

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VCM and Michigan's Volunteer Centers are recognized nationally as leaders in building community infrastructure, through volunteer civic engagement of youth, adults, families, and employee groups.

Michigan's Volunteer Centers

For direct web links, please log onto
www.mivolunteers.org

Allegan County

Allegan County United Way & Volunteer Center
269/673-6545 888/673-2443
Email: volunteer_ctr@chartermi.net

Alpena County

Alpena Volunteer Ctr-Alpena Community College
989/356-9021
Email: wiesenc@alpenacc.edu

Barry County

Volunteer Center of Barry County
269/945-2006
Email: bonnie@volunteerbarry.org

Bay County

Volunteer Resource Center of Bay County
989/893-6060
Email: cindy@unitedwaybaycounty.org

Berrien, Cass, Van Buren Counties

Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan
269/683-5464
Email: volunteercenter@qtm.net

Calhoun County - Albion

Albion Volunteer Service Organization
517/629-5574
Email: avso@forks.org

Calhoun County - Battle Creek

Volunteer Center of Battle Creek
269/966-4189
Email: nicole@volcenterbc.org

Chippewa County

United Way Volunteer Center of Chippewa County
906/253-9839
Email: volunteer@mylocalheroes.com

Clare County

United Way & Volunteer Center of Clare County
989/386-6015
Email: volunteercenter@unitedwayclare.org

Dickinson, Iron Counties

Volunteer Center of Dickinson & Iron Counties
906/774-2256 800/211-1696
Email: ksommerfeld@chartermi.net

Genesee County

Resource Center
810/232-6300
Email: resource@qfn.org

Grand Traverse, Antrim, Leelanau, Benzie, Kalkaska Counties

Volunteer Center of Northwest Michigan
231/947-3200
Email: susan@unitedway.tcnct.org

Hillsdale County

Hillsdale County United Way & Volunteers in Action
517/439-5050
Email: hcvia@qcnct.net

Ingham, Eaton, Clinton Counties

Capital Area United Way Volunteer Center
517/203-5033
Email: s.eman@capitalareaunderway.org

Ionia County

ENRICH Volunteer & Information Ctr. of Ionia County
616/522-1126 866/9ENRICH
Email: enrich@home.ionia.com

Isabella County

United Way of Isabella County Volunteer Center
989/772-6194
Email: amytown@unitedwayisaco.org

Jackson County

Jackson Nonprofit Support Center
517/796-4750
Email: kelly@jacksonnonprofit.org

Kalamazoo County

Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo
269/382-8350
Email: jhuth@volunteerkalamazoo.org

Kent County

Heart of West MI United Way Volunteer Center
616/752-8603
Email: jroyer@unitedwaykarees.com

Lapeer County

United Way of Lapeer County
810/667-3114
Email: jwatz@unitedwaylapeer.org

Lenawee County

Lenawee United Way and Volunteer Center
517/263-4696
Email: paula@lenaweenunderway.org

Midland County

United Way of Midland County Volunteer Center
989/631-7660
Email: chilicote@unitedwaymidland.org

Monroe County

United Way of Monroe County - Volunteer Action Center
734/242-4357
Email: fcft@monroeuw.org

Montcalm County

Volunteer Connections of Montcalm County
616/225-1082 or 800/417-2622
Email: dhubbard@mcvolunteerconnections.org

Muskegon County

Volunteer Muskegon!
231/772-6600
Email: director@volunteermuskegon.org

Newaygo County

Volunteer Resource Center
Newaygo County Community Service
231/924-0641
Email: rpaulus@nccsweb.org

Otsego County

Volunteer Center of Otsego County
989/705-8584
Email: vcoc@freeway.net

Ottawa County

Greater Ottawa County United Way & Volunteer Center
616/842-7130
Email: info@gouwcc.org

Saginaw County

United Way of Saginaw County Volunteer Services
989/755-0505
Email: mcooley@unitedwaysaginaw.org

Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac Counties

Thumb Area Volunteer Center
989/673-4121
Email: lorio@hdc-caro.org

Washtenaw County

Community Resource Center
734/428-7722
Email: manchestercrc@sbcglobal.net

Wayne, Oakland, Macomb Counties

The George W. Romney Volunteer Center
313/226-9430
Email: volcenter@uwcs.org

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